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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - COMPUTERS IL 1565

REF: (A) STATE 162520, (B) STATE 163989

1. OMIT 1565(I) AND NOTE 22 AND ADD TO THE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL THE FOLLOWING: "WHILE NOT SUBMITTING AT THIS TIME A PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTROL OF SOFTWARE FOR GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTER SYSTEMS, THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE WHICH THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO RAISE WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTWARE REQUIRES MAJOR INVESTMENTS AND SUCH SOFTWARE CONTAINS SOME OF THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGICAL CONCEPTS THAT ARE AT THE ROOT OF SOME OF OUR MOST ADVANCED STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT SYSTEMS. THIS IS ALSO ONE OF THE AREAS IN WHICH THE SOVIET BLOC IS THE WEAKEST, BOTH IN  
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TERMS OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AND EXPERIENCE AND IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES NECESSARY TO DEVELOP SUCH CAPABILITIES.

2. THE U.S. HAS IDENTIFIED SOME SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE OF CONCERN IN ITS PROPOSAL TO REVISE SUB-ITEM 1565(D), BUT FEELS THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TYPES OF SOFTWARE USED ON

GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTERS THAT SHOULD BE SIMILARLY RESTRICTED. HOWEVER, THE U.S. DOES RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTY

OF AND DOES NOT PROPOSE TO CONTROL EITHER SOFTWARE THAT IS PUBLISHED AND GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC OR SOFTWARE PREVIOUSLY EXPORTED. IN ADDITION, THERE IS MUCH SOFTWARE OF LITTLE STRATEGIC CONCERN USED TYPICALLY IN THE CLASSES OF APPLICATIONS FOR WHICH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND THE COMMITTEE ROUTINELY APPROVE THE EXPORT OF THEIR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

3. HOWEVER, THERE IS A NEED TO MAKE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN STRATEGIC AND NON-STRATEGIC SOFTWARE AND TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES TO CONTROL WITH CONFIDENCE THE EXPORT OF SIGNIFICANT SOFTWARE WHILE FREEING THE SOFTWARE OF LESS CONCERN. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE CONTEXT OF BOTH EXPORTS WITH WESTERN SYSTEMS AND SEPARATELY FOR SOVIET BLOC COMPUTERS. THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE LIST REVIEW. VANCE

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